Simon Harcourt Plaintiff.
Sherard & Ux. Defend.

The AFFIDAVIT of
John Methuen Esq;
LORD CHANCELLOR of IRELAND.

I *John Methuen* Esq; maketh Oath, That upon his this Deponents coming into *England* in the Month of *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand six Hundred and Ninety Nine, He found his Daughter the Lady *Anderson* involved in many Suits and Controversies with *Simon Harcourt* Esq; in several Courts in which this Deponent did advise and assist his said Daughter, and did in *February* next after at the desire of both *Mr. Harcourt* and his said Daughter, and according to their several Submissions bearing date the 18*th.* Day of *January* 1699, make an Award for the final End of all Controversies between the said Parties. And this Deponent saith, that it was the Intention of him this Deponent, and of both the said Parties expressed before the making the said Award, and at the time of making the same, and for more than the space of one Month after the making the same, That the said Award should be confirmed by a Decree of the Honourable Court of Chancery, which was agreed by both Parties should pass for that purpose by their mutual consent. And this Deponent saith accordingly he did on the part and behalf of his said Daughter and at her desire give all necessary Instructions and Directions to have such Decree pass by Consent until about the latter end of *April*, or beginning of *May* next after the making the said Award, *Mr. Chute* lately deceas'd came to this Deponent and informed him that his Daughter was privately Married to one *Mr. Sherard* upon which Information this Deponent requested *Mr. Chute* to acquaint *Mr. Sherard* that the said Decree was then just ready to be made; and that it was now necessary for him to advise with Counsel and to give his Consent, or signify his Disagreement to what had been before done or remained yet to be done relating to the said Decree, and this Deponent likewise desired *Mr. Chute* to inform him, that this Deponent had employed *Thomas Filmer* Esq; for that purpose, to whom *Mr. Sherard* might apply himself, or to any other whom he pleased; upon which the said *Mr. Sherard* soon after, and before the said Decree was made, wrote to this Deponent a Letter, the exact date of which he doth not now remember; having not the said Letter in *England*, by which Letter *Mr. Sherard* did express himself (according to this Deponents best remembrance, and as he then understood the same,) that he had according to the desire of this Deponent been with *Mr. Filmer*, and signified to him his Consent to all that his Wife had done in this matter, after which time this Deponent doth not remember to have concerned himself at all in any Proceedings for obtaining the said Decree.

John Methuen.

Jurat' 27 die Junij 1701.
coram
Sam. Keck.